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I would to state that as a result of Microsoft's monopolistic actions on the computer industry, one of the choices I had as a consumer for what I would like to have on the desktop of my computer, has effectively been removed by Microsoft's actions, namely in limiting access of any other operating system to be installed alongside any Windows operating system.

This limiting of choice to consumers has resulted in two areas which has hurt me as a consumer:

1) I cannot go to any computer retailer and choose which operating system I would like in my computer. If I want to use another operating system on my desktop, I have to purchase either a computer with no operating system AT A HIGHER COST or assemble a computer from the various components which make a computer, also AT A HIGHER COST to me as a consumer.

2) The restrictions have forced other companies out of business, ones which I could choose to use their products on my desktop. This is narrowing the options of operating systems available to me as a consumer, as more and more companies go out of business due to Microsoft putting up barriers to entry to anyone wishing to have an operating system product placed on a desktop computer.

I urge you to take action which will reverse the situation this I face as a consumer that is paying the price for Microsoft's monopolistic actions.

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